



# News Release

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## **Sexual misconduct charges lead to immediate suspension**

*Pierce County emergency medical technician ordered to stop practicing*

**OLYMPIA** — The emergency medical technician certification of Mark W. Tosland (ES01173502) has been suspended by the state on sexual misconduct charges. Tosland can't practice or work as an emergency medical technician in the state pending a hearing. He has 20 days to respond, according to the Washington State Department of Health.

Charges were first issued against Tosland in November 2010. The amended charges say Tosland got the phone numbers of two patients while transporting them to the hospital. While a patient was mildly sedated, Tosland allegedly visited her after her surgery and kissed her, lifted her hospital gown and rubbed her breasts, and tried to touch her vagina. Charges say he continued to contact her after she left the hospital. He's also charged with having sex with another patient, continuing to contact her to ask for sex, including oral, after the relationship ended.

Consumers who believe a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call the state Department of Health at 360-236-4700 to report their complaint. A [complaint form is also on the agency's website](#) ([www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/Complaint.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/Complaint.htm)). Directions are listed for e-mailing, mailing, or faxing the form to the agency's Health Systems Quality Assurance division.

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